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.....LETTERS PAGE.....

Dear Sir,

Please could you send me a copy of your newssheet on UFO activity in Manchester, as I am most interested after having heard your talk on Radio-Piccadilly.

Yours faithfully, G. SCOTT. SALE, CHESHIRE.

Dear Dave,

Many thanks for your letter and the return of my postal order. I must admit I'm a little confused, though. In your letter you tell me that "SKYWATCH" is to cease publication with issue No.13, but then, a few days later, along comes No.14. Hopefully "SKYWATCH" hasn't come to an end, and, if this is the case, please let me know and my 50p will be on its way back to you. Yes, I am a member of some UFO Groups, namely, Project EL International, BUFORA, ISTR, Contact UK International and I subscribe to a number of UFO mags. Hopefully in the near future, and if I eventually get the copyright problem sorted out, I'll be starting a picture library, dealing, of course, with UFO's and related subjects. I'll let you know when its off the ground.

Yours sincerely, Mike Roberts. Amersham, Bucks.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the May edition of Skywatch. With the increase in printing costs I didn't think they would be published just yet. Thank goodness they are, though. I wrote to send you a newsclipping from the Oldham News; I thought you might be interested. I might be going, but I don't know yet. (Ed. - June 7th Lecture).

Yours faithfully, K.STANLEY. Oldham, Lancs.

Dear Dave,

I have just finished reading the latest Skywatch, which was well up to its usual standard. Your article "UFO Groups '75 Style" and I would agree with every word you said. In addition, I think there is a failing in the presentation of UFO Research to the public because too many people get the impression that every UFOlogist believes devotedly in the ETH, which is, of course, complete rubbish. In order to make an attempt to change this unfortunate fact, I am collecting a series of essays - 1-2 pages long - about the many and varied theories on UFO origins. I would be obliged if you could ask your members to see if any of them would like to contribute to the collection. I hope to publish the essays as a special issue for Skylink and full credit would be given to the authors of the articles.

Yours, KEN GREEN. Chairman WUFOS

BROMBOROUGH, WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE.



xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxNEWS IN BRIEFxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sadly, the Merseyside UFO Bulletin is now finished, but I am told that a new magazine is being prepared to take its place. We look forward to viewing its first issue. I wonder how the lecture went on at Reynolds building on June 7th, organised (?) by MUFORA. If last year's offering is anything to go by - well, I'll watch the cricket instead, which should offer less bumpers. No sightings this issue, but we are investigating supposed landing case in Partington. More details when available.

In a letter to MAPIT, Ken Green, of WUFOS (see letters page), states that his group are preparing to print a supplement on UFO Origin Theorists. Well, last year MAPIT published a similar publication which was well received by members. At present, we at MAPIT are up-dating this supplement and are hoping to publish a revised version in the near future.

BUFORA LIMITED - that is how they are now registered and they are also applying to the Charity Commissioners to become a Scientific Charity. A step in the right direction?? In the latest Science Fiction Monthly Magazine appears a report on the BUFORA National Research and Investigation Conference, which was held in Stoke-on-Trent this May. Reporter in question: Brian Robinson. I wonder if BUFORA intend to hold a similar conference annually? Or, as so often in the past, not bother? BUFORA were in a position to use this Conference via Television, Radio, National Press, to present the British public with their serious scientific programme to the UFO subject. But I am at a loss for words why they made NO impression on the media. A good example of BUFORA and public relations follows. When asked at the BUFORA AGM in October, 1973, whether the association might endeavour to gain some publicity through the Open Door series on TV, Mr. Roger Stanway (Chairman) confirmed that the committee had been thinking along these lines, but in view of past unfortunate encounters with the BBC, we would have to move carefully. Well, its time "past unfortunate encounters" were ignored and a NEW start made. To MAPIT's knowledge, no progress has been made on this venture. BUFORA are adopting a new image. SCIENTIFIC is the word, but besides its members knowing this, no one else does. A question, BUFORA - "Do you have a PUBLIC RELATIONS' OFFICER?"

More next Month.

As regards our change from an Astronomical to a UFO Study Group, I feel I must explain fully.

With this in mind, we are a very small group - we have twenty members on record, but only half-a-dozen in practice. Even so, we manage to continue our work. As regards levels of co-operation, I really meant just an exchange of information -- general UFO news, recent sightings, projects, etc.

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### PAPER CLIPPINGS

Listed below are a selection of news clippings featured in National and Local Newspapers/Magazines which you might wish to obtain for research purposes:

1. Silence over UFO's Scare - "Reveille" - April 25th, 1975.
2. Yeti Killed my Herd, says Girl - "Reveille" - May 2nd, 1975.
3. Monsters in the Pink - "Manchester Evening News" - May 2nd, 1975.
4. Cosmic Ray - "Manchester Evening News" - May 8th, 1975.
5. Prince Philip and the UFO's start a bit of a Mystery - "Reveille" - May 9th, 1975.
6. I Gave Ghost a Lift, says Pop Star - "Reveille" - May 9th, 1975.
7. Breakfast in Bed for Nessie - "Sunday People" - May 18th, 1975.
8. Saucers at the Bottom of his Garden - "Manchester Evening News" - June 4th, 1975.
9. Don't laugh at Nessie - "The Sun" - June 13th, 1975.
10. We're not on our own in Space, say Scientists - "Reveille" - June 13th, 1975.

More next issue.

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### WHY THE NORTH-WEST?

During periods of intense UFO activity, or more commonly referred to as "Flap Periods", many people ask the question - "Why do they visit this area?" e.g. Warminster, New Guinea and in recent years Yugoslavia. If we had uncovered the origin and purpose of UFO's, this question would of course, be answered.

With MAPIT being a North-Western Group which endeavours to cover this large area, I would be fascinated to know what special qualities, if any, this area of the U.K. holds for the visiting UFO?

ANY IDEAS, READERS???

UFO'S EXIST - NO, NOT YET.....PLEASE.

Believe it or not, but there are a good number of people involved in the UFO subject in this country who don't want the mystery uncovered. Hard to accept, maybe, but when one has brushed shoulders with them on numerous occasions, you can't ignore the obvious sickening fact that certain person(s) are more happy if progress isn't made. If the truth was found, most fringe groups would suffer in differing ways, some crumbling - others going blindly on to oblivion. To a lot of people the UFO's are another escape from established religious trends and set up their own following, becoming obsessed with their "New Age Image". This side of the fringe groups are going to town with their special teachings, tapes, booklets, magazines and trivia. There are a number of people out to make a penny or two and also plenty of ego-trippers, who love to be Directors, Co-Ordinator, Area Supervisor, Assistant and so on and quite often you end up with more chiefs than indians. As I have said before - the best thing about some UFO Groups is their headed note-paper. I even knew someone who wanted to change his group into a Hitler Fan Club! No wonder the subject is laughed upon with comedians such as mentioned. I am sick and tired of people talking about group "UNITY" and their affiliation's with various groups which, sadly to say, amount to no more than an exchange of newsletters. YOU, the group leader-researcher, write what you think. Don't give your publications a false image of purity. No group is perfect (MAPIT included) and UFOlogy in the UK is low, low down. Before WE in the subject get down to the Scientific Investigating which is long overdue, this country needs to blow the cobwebs off the OLD brigade. People who have been involved in the subject for TOO LONG. One group in particular needs to clean out its "Star-studded line-up of UFO Experts". In the early days of MAPIT, a national co-ordinating group was formed under the title of PROBE NATION. Out of thirty letters inviting groups' comments, etc. on this "NEW" venture MAPIT received only one reply and that was only to explain that the group in question was defunct. What does one draw from this badly supported scheme? "Is this country not ready for SERIOUS inter-group relations", or "Did they disagree with certain probe ideas?" If this answer is the latter, why on earth didn't they TELL US? Have they seen from past efforts that it isn't worth the trouble? Or perhaps worse still, "do some groups not wish to make progress into the greatest mystery of our time?"



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### A BELATED ARTICLE

The following article was received last year, and for reasons (one of them being the Editor's change of address), the document somehow got mislaid. As many people will know, the UNION OF NORTHERN OBSERVERS no longer exists under that name, but as the Northern UFO Network. MAPIT & D.L. REES did have connections with UNO but these were severed a while ago. Nevertheless, the article does still have enough relevant content to warrant publication:

#### UNO It Makes Sense - By Nigel Watson

UNO has been going for some time now amidst some confusion. Confusion because we have been assaulted by a variety of groups and publications, not counting a rarrage of bulletins and letters. One of the last pieces of offending literature was a potty questionnaire received from a certain Mr. D. Morley. The concept of co-operation and unity was forgotten before it even had a chance.

However, since meeting David Rees and Chris Randles on September 29th my mind has been changed! I was particularly impressed by David's filing system and his efforts at trying to compile in suitable form the information he has been able to collect. Unfortunately, the old question of co-operation has risen its ugly head - the old answer to the old question is that there is none what-so-ever.

In all honesty, UNO has not been a shining example; its publication, the UNO Journal, has, to put it bluntly, been rubbish. Not that any of its member group publications have surpassed its inane standard.

One suggestion I should like to make is that once David Rees moves house, we make his address the permanent address for UNO - that's if he's willing, of course! If not, certainly a permanent address is required from someone.

For the success of UNO a central publication would be ideal. This was the aim of the Journal which up to now has been a failure. I hope future Journals will concentrate on UFO reports and completely abolish these silly adverts for Nazi books and articles on (ugh!) the pyramid. Also, it would be an advantage for member groups to automatically receive the publications of the other member groups (if they will continue to publish the damn things). Personally, I would prefer to see all the member groups solely contributing to the UNO Journal with UFO reports, articles and perhaps finance.

Personally, I have given David Rees about 50 UFO reports which I have been able to collect in the South Humberside and Lincolnshire area.



Some Groups, on the other hand, believe that their UFO reports are as valuable as gold dust. They seem to have the mistaken idea that the Men in Black will get them if they as much as think of co-operating with (or all things), other UFO groups. However, they cannot wait to blabber them to the local newspaper or nationwide TV.

I know this article will not change anything - I only wish it would - but what we need now is co-operation. The only way for this to succeed is to support UNO. This has been repeated again and again by David Rees and Chris Randles - to no effect. Perhaps in another twenty-odd years of fruitless and completely unco-ordinated UFO research, a few groups might listen.

UNO will continue. BUFORA has managed to for years without having the slightest compulsion to co-ordinate UFO reports and info in this country. UNO or any other group can keep on doing the same very thing. Co-operation is hard work - that's why we can see that BUFORA has never bothered.

Rather than being a load of ignorant savages UFOlogically speaking, we could attempt an exercise in intelligence.

Why don't we even have a try and stop f..... about?